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The Diamond Cutter

Through the eyeglass his prize
The jeweler sees
Not as the raw diamond
But as it will be

Slowly
Patiently
Precisely
With the finest instruments
He cuts—
Until each facet's hues of light
Sparkle and play with the others.

Our Lord the jeweler
Ourselves the diamond
Becoming
A precious gem in
The more excellent way
His craft is love
The more excellent way



60TH ANNIVERSARY
DIAMOND JUBILEE ISSUE

A Good Ol' Time at the Diamond Jubilee Convention

COMMENTS:

- Each unique facet of ministry in the Foursquare Church joined in unity to praise and glorify God.
- In this family atmosphere, it was inevitable that a closeness would develop.
- This convention was not an event, but a birth of life throughout the entire denomination.
- Convention was just like heaven!
- The speakers were dynamic; you had to arrive early to get a good seat!
- I am so enthusiastic about the Foursquare Church. Our formerly independent church just joined, and our biggest surprise during this convention was to find how much Foursquare is supportive of missions.
- It was the best convention ever.

FACTS:

A total of 1,015 delegates participated. The Midwest and the South Central Districts led the count with 137 and 132 delegates respectively. A good representation attended from each district, including brethren from Canada and our foreign countries.

It was voted that the 1984 International Foursquare Convention be waived due to shortness of preparation time and difficulties due to the 1984 Summer Olympics being held in Los Angeles. The next convention, therefore, is scheduled to be held March 11-17, 1985, at headquarters church Angelus Temple, Los Angeles, California. Dr. Roy H. Hicks, Sr., General Supervisor, will be the Chairman, with the theme to be "Divine Healing and Miracles."

Two new members were voted to serve on the Missionary Cabinet: Rev. Joe Babcock, pastor of the Newton, Iowa, Foursquare Church, and Rev. Fred Parker, pastor of the Grand Junction, Colorado, Foursquare Church.

LIFE Bible College at Los Angeles announced the appointment of their new dean, Rev. Glen Pummel, previous missionary to Chile. Rev. Pummel replaces Rev. Al Eastland, who is presently pastoring in Littleton, Colorado.

Convention Chairman and Mrs. Harold Helms thank Rev. Mary Lou Canata (right) for her work as Convention Coordinator.



Mrs. Austin Crager (left) chats with a friend.



Even little ones came to convention.



This We Believe

- ...that the Holy Bible is the inspired Word of God (II. Tim. 3:16; II Pet. 1:19-21).
- ...that God is triune--Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (I John 5:7; John 1:1,2,14).
- ...that man fell through disobedience (Romans 5:12,19).
- ...that Christ died to redeem us (Titus 2:14; Gal. 3:13).
- ...that salvation is through grace (Eph. 2:8-10; Rom. 3:23,24).
- ...that repentance and acceptance are vital (I John 1:9; John 6:37b).
- ...that new birth must be experienced to become a child of God (John 3:3; II Cor. 5:17).
- ...in a daily Christian life (I Thess. 5:23; Heb. 6:1).
- ...in water baptism through immersion (Rom. 6:4; Acts 2:41).
- ...in the institution of the Lord's supper (I Cor. 11:23b-28).
- ...in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:5,8; 2:4).
- ...in the Spirit filled life (Rom. 12:1,2; Gal. 5:16,25).
- ...in the gifts and fruit of the Holy Spirit (Rom. 12:6-8; Gal. 5:22,23; John 15:8).
- ...that we must be moderate in all things (Phil. 4:5).
- ...in Divine healing (James 5:14-16; Matt. 8:17).
- ...that the Second Coming of Christ is both imminent and personal (I Thess. 4:16,17).
- ...in Church relationship and in civil government (Heb. 10:24,25; Rom. 13:1,3).
- ...in the final judgment (Matt. 13:41-43).
- ...in heaven and hell (I Cor. 2:9; John 14:2; Rev. 20:10,15).
- ...in tithes and offerings to support the Lord's work (Malachi 3:10; II Cor. 9:7).
- ...that the Church is responsible to evangelize all nations (Mark 16:15; John 4:35-37).

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By Dr. N. M. Van Cleave



LOVE

E MORE EXCELLENT WAY

Without love, moving mountains is only rearranging the landscape. Without love, giving to the poor is futility. Love is the sum line—the more excellent way. I Corinthians 12:31, the Lord through Paul said, "Earnestly desire greater gifts. And I show you a still more excellent way" (NASV). In other words, He will show you the way "par excellence." And only God can make the way "par excellance" possible—through divine love.

Love Applied to Spiritual Gifts

In the above verse, many non-Pentecostal Christians seem to think that gifts and love are mutually exclusive. The way "par excellance" is not an alternative to gifts, but the pathway to pursue them. We must have gifts of teaching, healing, administration and miracles, but we first must have love. We dare not work for God in pure human power.

Love is a practice; let us love in deed and truth (cf. I John 3:18). Love is not something you feel, but something you do. Pursue love (I Cor. 14:1), and habitually practice it.

Love in the Fellowship of Believers

"Fervently love one another from the heart" reads I Peter 1:22 (NASV). The Greek word for "fervent" means "extension"—a stretching out, an extending of ourselves. This "stretching out" of love is the only environment in which true fellowship can operate. How

flexible is your love? Does your love have boundaries, maybe social or racial? Let us learn to fervently love.

Love in Relationship to Ministry Offices

An office of ministry, such as that of a pastor, Sunday school teacher, or committee member, is to be desired. But it should not be desired as an end in itself, made to glorify the worker. The office must be seen as a vehicle for ministering love to others. If we will minister with love, there is no limit to the usefulness we can be in the body of Christ.

We have a choice: we can move mountains through love, or we can merely rearrange the landscape. May God baptize our Foursquare family in love to make each of our gifts of ministry more powerful than ever before.

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Dr. Van Cleave, member of the Board of Directors, has served as President of LIFE Bible College at Los Angeles, District Supervisor, and in many other capacities.

MORE DIAMOND JUBILEE CONVENTION

In keeping with our 60th Anniversary, the delegates were inspired anew by the foundational truths of the Foursquare Gospel.

Top row, left to right: Rev. Juanita Hawkins of Redondo Beach, California, receives her 25-Year Pin for ministry; Dr. Florence Gamble receives the first Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree ever conferred by Mount Vernon Bible College. Dr. Gamble, previously a successful pastor at Fostoria, Ohio, has taught at the college for 25 years since its founding and has maintained constant oversight in the Christian Service Department; Conventioners relax with a game of tennis.

Bottom row, left to right: Dr. Harold Helms (left) and Dr. and Mrs. Paul E. Jones minister in prayer at the ordination service; Ladies at the U.F.W. Shepherdess Luncheon pause for a photo before hearing special speaker Ruthanne Garlock; Even miniature golf was available!



Jesus the Savior of the World!

By Dr. John Amstutz,
Professor, LIFE Bible College,
Los Angeles

Jesus the Savior is UNIQUE. He claimed to be the only savior. "ALL who came before Me are thieves and robbers; but the sheep did not hear them" (John 10:8, NASV). He uniquely, voluntarily, laid down His life for man.

Jesus the Savior is UNCHANGING. "I AM the good shepherd" (vs. 11), "I AM the door" (vs. 9), "I AM THAT I AM" (Exodus 3:14, NASV). "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, yes and forever" (Heb. 13:8, NASV).

Jesus the Savior is UNIVERSAL "...they shall become one flock with one Shepherd" (John 10:16, NASV). Jesus is also universal in His outreach, as we are to go "unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8, KJV).

Jesus the Healer!

By Dr. John Firth,
Missionary to Colombia

The people in the New Testament brought all who were sick and Christ healed them all. "For I am the Lord that healeth thee" (Exodus 15:26, KJV). God is the One who works healing. I have seen God cleanse the lepers, cast out demons, and raise people from the dead. When there are healings and miracles, people come to Christ.

"He hath sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised" (Luke 4:18, KJV). Jesus didn't just go to the cross to save, but to heal also. The healing was provided for us. People begin to move into the dimension of healing.

Jesus the Baptizer with the Holy Spirit!

By Dr. John Firth
(same sermon)

Seek the Giver, and the Giver will give the gifts. The Baptism with the Holy Spirit is a must before you move into any dimension of healing or the supernatural.

Jesus said, "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils" (Matt. 10:8, KJV). How often we have read the words and have just passed them by. But we can only meet the supernatural through the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit. We are moving into an era where the forces of evil are coming against the forces of good. We need to move into a supernatural dimension.

Jesus the Coming King!

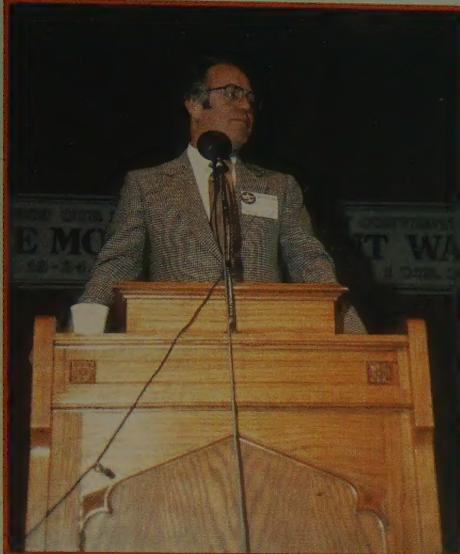
By Dr. Guy P. Duffield,
Professor, LIFE Bible College,
Los Angeles

The coming again of the most far-reaching we could discuss. It is the entire Church. This is when Israel will receive the Messiah. This will be the final disposition of all the culmination of world missionary endeavors.

Did you know that Jesus is not only for mankind? "Now is the Son glorified, and God is in Him" (John 13:31, KJV). He died for God's glory, and in the Second Coming, receive His Bride before Christ.

The countdown is on. Be ready to meet Him!

Speaking the truth in love, guest speaker John Garlock moved his listeners to deeper dimensions of "The More Excellent Way."



By Rev. John Garlock
Instructor, Christ for the Nations Institute, Dallas, Texas

Speaking the Truth in Love

"But speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him, who is the head, even Christ, from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by that which every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love" (Eph. 4:15-16, NASV).

"Speaking" is the action of communicating. We speak by what we say and we speak by what we do. When we communicate the gospel, we must see that it is absorbed. Be wary of Christian jargon. If you ask a non-Christian, "Are you ready for the rapture?", they may look at you dumbfounded and ask, "What is the 'rapture'?"

"The truth" is our message. We are to speak the truth, given to us in God's Word, the very truth set up from the foundations of the world. The Good News is God's truth.

"In love" is the style we are to use, love being the matrix of Christian communication. An African proverb says, "Never call to a dog with a whip in your hand." Many churches invite people to come so they can tell them how bad they are. But it is much easier to believe someone who shows love.

Love—the Motivation for Evangelism

In Mark 2:1-13, we find the story of the four men who dug a hole in the roof to lower a paralytic to Jesus. What characteristics of love can be found in these men?

First, they had compassion. They felt love for this man and felt enough to do something about it. Over and over, we read that Jesus was "moved with compassion." Compassion many times is not only feeling for someone, but feeling with someone, as with the little girl who said she "helped cry" with her friend when her friend broke her doll. Evangelism starts with "caring enough."

Second, the four men were creative. They knew tradition said that you had to go in by the door, but when they couldn't, they were willing to be innovative even to digging a hole in the roof. Successful evangelism is creative enough to get the job done.

Third, they cooperated with one another. It takes considerable cooperation and unity of spirit to lower a man through the roof. Some think unity is building a wall so each stays on his side. Others think they are stuck together so they have to get along. Still others talk only about those things that both agree on. Yet, these four men had to consider different ideas, then agree on one, and work together to achieve it. Cooperation plays a large part in love.

Finally, they were committed. No one gave up. Each man took a risk; each could have been physically hurt, or been scolded for tearing up the roof. But their love was deep enough to be committed. Evangelism also takes a willingness to follow through even in the midst of inconvenience.

Love—the Power for Perseverance

In II Samuel 23:15-17, we find the story of three mighty men. "And David had a craving and said, 'Oh that someone would give me water to drink from the well of Bethlehem which is by the gate!' So the three mighty men broke through the camp of the Philistines, and drew water from the well of Bethlehem which was by the gate, and took it and brought it to David.... These things the three mighty men did" (NASV).

The three mighty men were not commanded by David to get the drink of water. Rather, they did it out of love. The three men were mighty because of their love. And this love leads to perseverance.

Adino was mighty because he slayed 800 men at one time (see vs. 8). This is perseverance in the face of overwhelming odds. If God is on your side, the odds won't matter, and it will put you at the top of the king's list.

Eleazar fought till his hand stuck to the sword (see vs. 10). This is perseverance in the face of overwhelming fatigue. We are not told that Eleazar was skillful or bright, but he wouldn't quit when he got tired. God values the person who will not quit in the face of fatigue.

Shammah was mighty because he was willing to fight for a patch of beans. This is perseverance despite a humble place. You may look at the place where you serve and say, "I am giving my life for this?" But serving in a humble place will put you at the top of the king's list.

Love...will put you among the three mighty men.

MORE DIAMOND JUBILEE CONVENTION

"What will we take with us from this convention?", the conventioneers asked. "What are we to do as a denomination?" They asked and God answered.

The Turning Point Is Here

By Dr. John Amstutz, Professor,
LIFE Bible College, Los Angeles

Today there are 20,000 different, distinct denominations. Yet, half of the world has no contact with the gospel. We can see this is not a time for sectarianism within denominations, but a time for united service to the world.

The founding vision of the Four-square Church, as stated on the cornerstone of headquarters church Angelus Temple, is for *interdenominational* and *worldwide* evangelism. Our scope needs to be worldwide. Last year's convention, "Commissioned Beyond Ourselves," announced challenging missions goals to be reached by 1990. This was just one indication of the major turning point that has come in the last years within this denomination. The 1982 charts shown on these pages also reveal there is new vision to what we can do as a Body.

Yet this day of new growth does not provide a time to sit back and be triumphant. This is a time to travail. We need to labor all the more in prayer and in work. We will need to 1) consider new avenues to train people for ministry, 2) reconsider deployment in finding additional open channels through which to minister, and 3) find answers in terms of partnering together with our national leadership.

Our scope should also be interdenominational. This is the largest and first of the two words on the cornerstone. This interdenominational emphasis must be connected to worldwide mission. Many denominations are meeting to see what they can do together, in unity, in the Great Commission. And we are pleased to be a part of stirring the world for Christ.

What Sends the Rain?

By Rev. Roy Hicks, Jr., Supervisor,
Northwest District

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16, KJV). John Amstutz,

concerning the new surge of growth in our organization, mentioned, "This is not a time to be triumphant. This is a time to travail." I feel compelled to call this movement to a life of prayer, the kind of prayer James is talking about: *fervent* prayer.

The word "fervent" usually speaks of intensity and strength. But here, the righteous man greatly desires what he prays for. How badly do you want your prayers to be answered?

In I Kings 18, God told Elijah to confront Ahab and the prophets of Baal so that it would rain and end the famine. I'm sure you remember the big altars and how the prophets of Baal cried before their god to consume the sacrifices with fire,



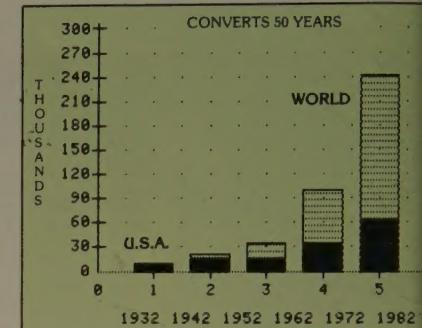
Convention Chairman Harold Helms (left), Rev. Phil Starr (center), and Dr. Jack Hayford.

and there was no response. But Elijah prayed to God, and He answered. Then Elijah prayed again, and God sent the needed rain.

Please note that it was not the victory over Baal that made it rain. Our praise to God does not make it rain. And because you "say it," doesn't mean you'll have it. Oh, if you believe it, go ahead and make the confession. But what is the focal point that will make it rain?

"The fervent prayer of a righteous man" will send the rain. How should we pray? First, get a promise. Prayer is executing the will of God already known. Let the Lord pull out a scripture verse for you perhaps.

Second, get alone. Elijah sent Ahab away, and all the people had departed. Jesus said, "Pray in secret, so your heavenly Father can



reward you openly" (cf. Matt. 6:6). Something happens in this dimension of prayer that gives birth to supernatural life, and it can seldom be shared with another person.

Third, give birth. Prayer is not persuading God to do something. Rather, it is the collection of energy that is already there. When you pray, it becomes possible to bring it into reality. And pray fervently. There may be some pain when you give up some of yourself to do this, but what glory you will receive!

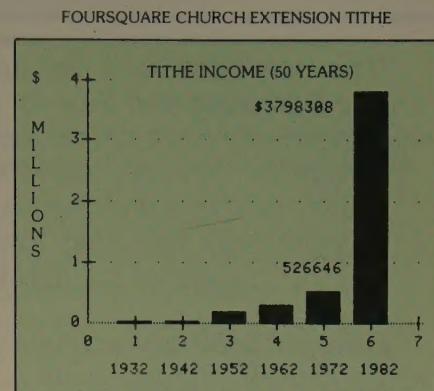
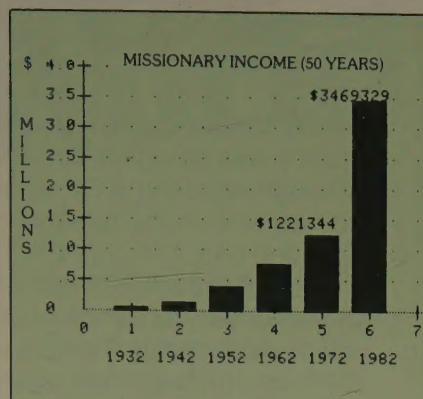
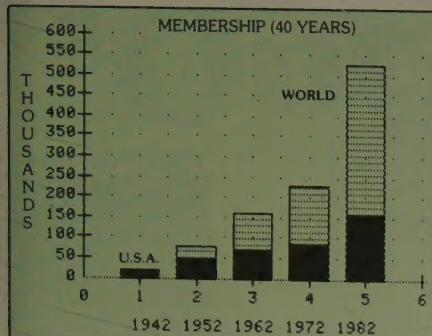
Finally, how long should you pray? Pray until. We are talking about a dimension of prayer for rain when there has been no rain. In our Pentecostal past, we used to "pray until." Do we still? What does "praying through" mean? Pray until there is a release from your heavenly Father. Pray for rain. Only with rain will the ground become productive.

Daily Benedictions

By Rev. Sidney Westbrook,
Supervisor, South Central District

"Benediction"—what is it? Some think it is a closing thought in a sermon. Others think the benediction is only given at the service of a loved one who has passed on.

But a benediction is a blessing. We are called to be peacemakers bestowing blessings on others. Jesus said, "Bless them that curse you" (Matt. 5:44, KJV). And Paul said, "Bless them which persecute you" (Rom. 12:14, KJV). We have learned well in this decade how to bless the Father. But we need to move into blessing one another.



And it must come from deep within our spirit.

But where do we get the power to move into blessing one another? "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" (II Tim. 1:7, KJV). This alone is a benediction for us, the Holy Spirit giving us power, in turn, to bless others.

When we walk in the way of the Spirit we also find the love of the Lord. This love is the kind that cares, shows concern, is relational, gets involved, desires to be with others. It is definitely people-related.

In our work with people, the struggle of our service becomes rest if we realize there has been a plan from the first. "Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest" (Heb. 4:11, KJV). Rest comes because we are active in the work God has given us. Real rest is not in doing nothing, but in knowing what you're doing. It is rest to our soul if we know we are working for Jesus.

Living In the More Excellent Way
By Convention Chairman Dr. Harold Helms, Pastor, Headquarters Church Angelus Temple

I have listened to the reports, and we are in a crucial time, a time of tremendous expansion. Why has our Church been blessed with growth? But then, why shouldn't we grow? The urgency in the world today tells us we are working against a deadline.

Dr. C. Peter Wagner, Professor of

Church Growth, Fuller Theological Seminary School of World Mission, has studied the astounding growth of Pentecostals. He reports that Pentecostals are in the lead in the United States, growing at a 48% decadal growth rate. Next come the Seventh Day Adventists with 26% and the Southern Baptists with 17%.

In Latin America, there is even more remarkable growth. 35 years ago, 20% of all evangelicals in Latin America were Pentecostal. Today that figure is at 70%. Wagner states, "If the Lord tarries, Pentecostalism will undoubtedly go down in future history as the most significant religious phenomenon of the 20th Century."

Supporting these statistics, in the last ten years the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel has seen a growth rate among the number of converts of over 100%, missions giving of over 300%, and tithing of over 600%.

What are the reasons Wagner gives for this outstanding growth among Pentecostals?: purity, prayer, power, and relation to the poor.

Purity: Pentecostals are known for their straightforward belief in the Bible as the Word of God. We take it to mean what it says, and say what it means. Our doctrine is clear and balanced to meet the whole person. We also believe in a purity of lifestyle. When God's Spirit enters us, man's spirit is taken out of prison and put on a throne to glorify Him. We are made to lift our heads up to Him.

Prayer: We don't pray to change God's mind, but to get God's viewpoint about things. When we truly pray, we listen as much as we talk. Prayer should not be regarded as a last resort. Neither should we pray and run. Prayer's greatest goal is getting to know Him.

Power: The Church without power is a factory for hypocrites. But God has given us a dual form for power: God's Word and God's Spirit. There is no need to suffer from paralysis in the Church. The one single word associated with the Holy Spirit in the New Testament is "power." God calls this church to a dynamic, loving fellowship.

Relation to the poor: This is the one ministry we should especially consider. Where you find the authentic presence of Christ, you will find poor people. It is difficult to welcome the poor or those who won't add to your prestige. But why do those people come to your church? Because they have found love. And what will we receive if we receive the poor? "Your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear.... You will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and He will say: Here am I" (Is. 58:8-9, NIV).

God is now calling for a greater ministry from the Foursquare Body than ever before. Remember, when a church no longer reaches out, it passes out. What will we do between now and the next convention? May the Lord give us flexibility in our love, enabling us to move like a mighty Church out into the world.

Together Re

"The Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.' Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away"
—Acts 13:2-3, NASV

The dawn of another triumphant year began to break on Foursquare Missions International at the climactic service of the 60th Anniversary International Convention held in Glorieta, New Mexico. Fourteen new missionary candidates were officially appointed and commissioned to serve overseas. Together with them we will continue to expand the Kingdom of God in their respectively assigned countries in Europe, South America, the West Indies, Central America and the South Pacific. They are further reinforcements to our commitment to world evangelism.

COLOMBIA: Kent and Ruth Beahler (short-term missionaries). God proved Himself faithful to both Kent and Ruth during the difficult years of "growing up," preparing them for the ministry in which they would be involved. Kent has worked with troubled youth both in counseling and directing, and both just completed 2½ years as youth pastors in the Federal Way, Washington, Foursquare Church.

The Beahlers are now in Bogota, Colombia, assisting in construction work as well as spiritual ministry of evangelism and prayer for the sick.

GREECE: Brooks and Marlys Bryan. Brooks was saved in 1973. Marlys, although raised in a Christian home, did not receive the fullness of salvation until she was 22. The Bryans attended LIFE Bible College and have served as the youth pastors of Angelus Temple since 1977. In October, 1982, the Bryans ministered in Greece for one month, and have now been appointed there as missionaries.

HAITI: Terry and Ruth Bennett. Terry and Ruth accepted Christ at the Foursquare Church in Petoskey, Michigan, 12 years ago. In the years following their graduation from Mount Vernon Bible College in 1975, the Bennetts pastored in North Carolina, assisted in Florida, and served as evangelists in the Southeast District.

The Bennetts have been ministering to the needy people in Haiti for the last two years, and at convention were officially appointed as Foursquare missionaries to that country.

HONDURAS: Scott and Leslie Lemmon (short-term missionaries). Scott and Leslie have both earned college degrees in science, Scott having worked in the pharmaceutical field since 1978. After attending an Urbana Missions Conference, the Lemmons felt a strong desire to dedicate one year of their professional lives and careers in overseas service for the Lord.

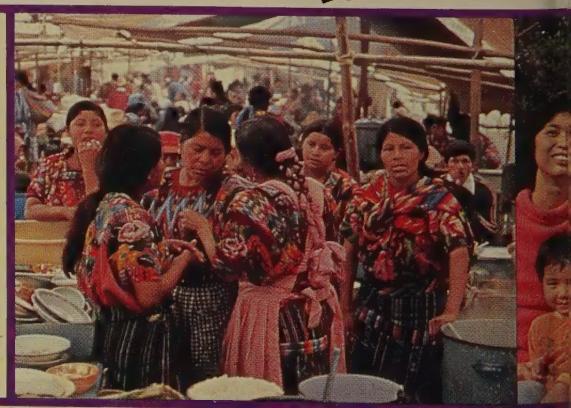
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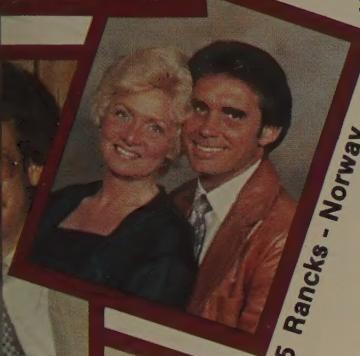


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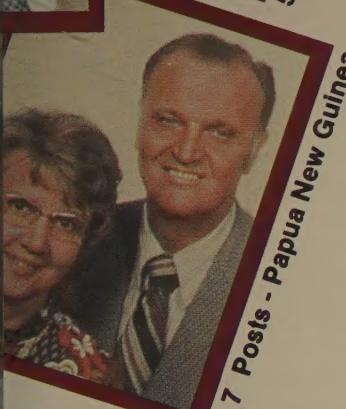
Bennets - Haiti



5 Rancks - Norway



7 Posts - Papua New Guinea



The Lemons are being sent to Honduras to work in the Didasko Boys' Ranch, to minister to the physical as well as the spiritual needs of the young boys there.

NORWAY: Steven and Leslie Ranck (short-term missionaries). In May, 1970, Leslie accepted the Lord, while later that same year Steven rededicated his life to the Lord. Steven completed his studies at LIFE Bible College this year. The Rancks have served on the staff of the Van Nuys, California, Foursquare Church for the last three years. They left for Norway on May 1 where they are now assisting in the pioneer work.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA: Frank and Kathleen Greer. Kathleen, the daughter of a Foursquare pastor, was saved at a very early age. In 1971, Frank was saved as a result of the Christian hotline ministry of the Lynwood, California, Foursquare Church. They both attended LIFE Bible College and have been pastoring in Georgia for the last 2½ years. The Greers are being sent to Papua New Guinea.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA: Lloyd and Claire Post. Lloyd and Claire were both saved when they were very young, and met and married while

attending LIFE Bible College. Since that time they have pastored in Arkansas, Georgia, Texas, North Carolina, Florida and are presently in Savannah, Tennessee. For many years the Posts have felt a burden for overseas ministry. Now they have been appointed as missionaries to Papua New Guinea.

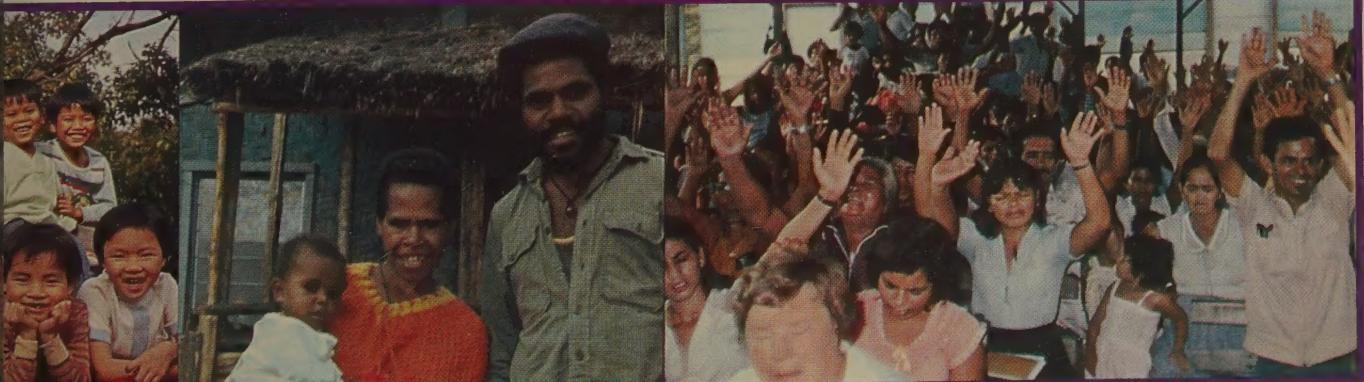
OUR GOAL of seeing 185 full-term missionaries on the field by 1990, through the Missions International strategy of "Advancing Through the '80s!" is drawing nearer. Earlier in this fiscal year, Dan and Heli Larson were sent to Colombia, Tim Lamb to Spain, Bonita Schwartz to Panama and Nancy Whittlesey to Costa Rica. This makes 19 new appointees to date this year that have been designated to serve overseas.

Prayer & Action Focus

Together, as their spiritual family, we send these new candidates forth with the Word and the Holy Spirit, shielded by our prayers and nurtured by our financial support.

Our Foursquare family is continuing to reach the world...

Together!



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MISSIONS FEVER

Africa!

"MISSIONS FEVER: CATCH IT!", presented at the 1983 International Foursquare Convention, is being "exposed" to our Foursquare members and friends as a 1983 theme for Foursquare Missions International's plan, "Advancing Through the '80s!"

From continent to continent, country by country, contagious enthusiasm is spreading for the fulfillment of the Great Commission in our generation. This is "MISSIONS FEVER!"

10 ADVANCE

We turn our attention to Africa. It's "missions fever" African style. Is it possible that the first church we planted in Nigeria, West Africa, caught "missions fever" at its birth? According to Rev. Mitchell Belobaba, Africa Regional Advisor, that's what happened.

Take note of its missionary history: 1969 marked the entrance of the Foursquare Gospel into BENIN when Simon Odeleye was sent as a missionary from Nigeria. The work in Benin has grown to 7 churches and meeting places.

In 1974, Bisi Orebayo established the Church in GHANA. Though Ghana's government has suffered great problems nationally, the Church has grown to 12 churches and meeting places, 9 workers and 86 members.

In 1982, Emmanuel Aladerin was sent to open a work in LIBERIA. Since the few months of its birth the work now stands at 3 churches and meeting places and 130 members and adherents. The missions enterprise and "fever" has so strongly gripped the Nigerian Church that, also in 1982, a church

was birthed in LONDON for African students studying in England.

Right now in 1983, men are being elected to oversee the newly opened works in both KENYA and ZAMBIA. Also, this same year the Nigerian Foursquare Church held evangelistic crusades in CAMEROON in preparation for starting a work.

The number of countries reached with the Foursquare Gospel since 1969 indicates a strong rate of expansion of the Kingdom of God by the Nigerian Church.

Under the leadership of Dr. Samuel O. Odunaike, the Nigerian Church, brimming with a spirit of mission, has transmitted its vision to these newly birthed churches. Note their vision:

Benin will take the gospel to Ogo. Ghana has a vision for Sierra Leone. Kenya envisions the Sudan. Zambia has already made contacts to the west with people in Zaire.

Their ultimate goal by 1990 is to reach all nations south of the Sahara Desert, then direct a concerted missionary effort into the solid Muslim north. Mitch Belababa says, "It is exciting to be part of a Church where 'missions fever' rages and is transferred into positive action. I also believe that the Foursquare church will be established in every African country before the close of the century."

South America!

As "missions fever" rises, Peru is targeted! Already Dr. John Firth, missionary to Colombia, says the missionaries and national workers have sent people who are ministering among 6 Hidden People tribes. This year plans are being made to strike the city of Iquitos, a strategic center in northern Peru through which they believe God is going to open more doors into many nearby Hidden People groups. Presently, one couple is working among the people of Iquitos, and there are 31 believers. At the same time, our Church in Chile is also tactfully penetrating the border of Peru from the south.

Brazil, envisioning the Great Commission task beyond their borders, as continued to set their attention on seeing strong ministry thrive in

Uruguay and Paraguay. Presently they are penetrating the borders. Brazil has projected their outreach to touch Portugal, Mozambique, Angola and Azores by 1990. That's "missions fever"!

The South Pacific!

For many years the Australian Church, pioneered by the Darnalls in 1953 and presently supervised by Fred Cowan, has continued to give missionary help to the work in Papua New Guinea. The Australian Church presently supports and maintains Rev. and Mrs. Con Vermeulen, the Craig Smiths, the Monsito Ysugs and the Harold Sellers. They are also seeking to penetrate Indonesia.

Asia!

Sri Lanka (formerly Ceylon) "missions fever" has been caught by the Foursquare Church in Greece and Hong Kong. These two countries are reaching out to touch Sri Lanka, a great Hidden People nation, through sacrificial giving. Our workers last year led more than 500 Buddhists, Hindus and Muslims to Jesus Christ. Presently there are 84 churches and meeting places functioning in Sri Lanka, reports missionary Richard Kiser.

Turning to the Philippines, the Church there presently has four missionaries ministering in Japan and Papua New Guinea.

Europe!

Great vision and "missions fever" blaze in the hearts of our leaders and missionaries of our European infant works. They believe God has raised up their works in England, Spain, Norway, Holland, Greece and West Germany to bring renewal across that vast and strategic continent and into Soviet-bloc nations. Greg Bretz, missionary to Norway, reports they already have one of their Foursquare men ministering in Poland. Iron curtains and cement walls cannot withstand the mighty gospel of Jesus Christ.

A vital part of the Picone's outreach in relation to the new church they are pioneering in France is among international people studying, doing business and working. Mike Picone shared recently that an eastern European-bloc student

from an atheist's home attended his Bible study in Paris. One such decision for Jesus could be far-reaching.

The Picone's vision is that new converts from Germany, Algeria, Arabia, Guinea, Iran, Laos and Brazil will begin to strike their typewriter keys to send messages back home to parents, friends and associates bearing witness that Jesus Christ is their Lord! This could open many new countries!

MISSIONS FEVER!

Hidden People "Fever"!

Thirteen of the countries where Foursquare is now at work are strategically ministering among some 36 Hidden People groups. And this year, 1983, 13 more Hidden People groups are targeted. Note the following countries and the Hidden People groups they are touching:

Nigeria:	Igalla and Iberri
Mexico:	Huastico, Nahua, Coras, Huichol
Honduras:	Black Caribs
Costa Rica:	Chinese
Ecuador:	Urban Mestizos, Quichua
Chile:	Mapuche and Aymara
Sri Lanka:	Indian Tamils, Ceylon Tamils, Sinhalese, Muslims
Colombia:	Sequolias, Ipajuras, Tuenbas, Professionals
England:	Gypsies, Indians, Pakistanis, Africans, Caribbeans, Asians, Vietnamese, Chinese
Japan:	Okinawans, College students
Australia:	Nyoongah Aboriginal in Northern, Southwest and Perth, and Vietnamese
Philippines:	Munang Tribes and four Muslim Tribes
U.S.A.	Muslims, Handicapped, Hispanic groups and Middle East transients

The 100 Hidden People groups we have committed ourselves to reach by 1990 draws closer into perspective. With some 36 groups already being reached and 13 groups added this year, we are nearly at the halfway mark to 100!



DEAR DAD, I CAN'T BELIEVE IT.



For just a split second, a hush fell over the crowd of 30,000. Only a wisp of wind refused to heed the quiet. Then, a startling yell and a whoop ripped the silence, and the white hats twirled and toppled in the air as the "long gray line" of West Point cadets were formally commissioned as second lieutenants. May 26, 1982—graduation day at the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. Freedom had finally come.

Suddenly feeling the cold metal of the silver dollar in his pocket, graduate Brad Risser made a break for the

crowd. Swirling in and out, he headed straight for his father.

"Quick, salute me, Dad!" he commanded.

"Why should I salute you?" his father kidded him.

"Just salute me," insisted Brad. According to West Point tradition, a silver dollar must be given to the first person who salutes a new officer. And Brad was determined that his own father should have it.

He thought back to a letter he had written his father just the week before. Dated May 15, it read:

"Dear Dad, I can't believe it! I've finished my last term-end exam, checked out my grades, and know for a fact that in a little over a week I'll be throwing that hat up into the air and on my way home for vacation! I'll tell you one thing, though. These last four

years were not the easiest years of my life. As a matter of fact, they were by far the roughest...."

Rough! he thought. They had been a pain at times! Who had he been trying to kid when he went off to West Point? 23 units to hassle in the first semester alone, and an average of 21 units thereafter. Most freshman classes start with 1,400 students, and only 850-900 graduate. Brad recalled that during the first month they wouldn't even let the Plebes (freshmen) call home. West Point was separating the men from the boys, and it surely was hard.

"If it were not for you, the rest of the family, and our church," Brad had continued in the letter, "I doubt I could have done it. I still remember calling home during my freshman year and telling you how much I disliked it and

that I wanted to quit. You kept trying to encourage me and told me just to finish up that one year, and if I still wanted to quit, I could. For some reason that helped a great deal, and I knew I could suffer through anything for a year. So I stuck it out the rest of the year, continually wishing I was back at home with my family and friends...."

He thought about the book West Point had sent before he even had his first class. In it seemed to be the comments of everyone who had ever attended the school! One guy in the book said, "It was one of the toughest experiences I ever had. I hated every minute of it. I'm glad now it's over, and I'm glad I did it. But if I had to do it over again, I would never do it." How often, as a freshman, he had scolded himself for not having listened.

"But finally the year ended and it was time for me to quit," he had written. "Then you did it again! You liked me into going for another year. (I thought for sure you didn't like me and wanted to see me suffer.) This process continued all four years and you kept telling me how nice West Point is. But this is it, Dad! I will not stay for another year. Four is enough!...."

But even when he had sat there writing, he couldn't keep the excitement of summer army training out of his mind. One summer, he parachuted out of airplanes. During another summer, he was sent to Fort Ord, California, where he had on-the-job training as a platoon leader's position, driving tanks and training Plebes. And in the Air Defense Artillery, Brad was trained on computers—much like video games on screens, radars, airplane targets and firing buttons. And how could he forget the huge traditions of graduation every year with 30,000 people watching

the marches, parades, and other events daily before the "big day." Talk about excitement!

"Another thing that I want you to know, Dad," the letter had continued, "is that your encouragement to read the Bible every night before I did my homework had a very good effect on my grades. I have no doubt that by reading the Bible, my grades were much better than they would have been if I hadn't...."

Brad had heard some say that you won't make it in West Point's calculus, chemistry, physics, engineering and computer classes without some background in high school. One can't even be accepted to West Point without physics and chemistry, and yet Brad saw God pave the way as those requirements were waived on account of his



football scholarship. At the same time, it made studying more difficult. Brad hadn't learned any basic terminology, and the teachers expected the students to know it.

His father encouraged Brad to read the Bible every night before he did his homework, and when he did, his grades started going up. After all was said and done, while some were failing, Brad was both reading the Bible and making the grades!

"If it had not been for you, Dad, I doubt I would be able to enjoy this coming graduation week," Brad had written. "I know I would have never

made it without your encouragement, support and love. You've always tried to make me admit that I like it here. I have made many very good friends, received a good education, and learned an awful lot, but I still won't admit that I like it. However, I am glad I came!"

Brad thought about the story of how, when his father was going into the ministry, his employer apparently had big plans in store for him. The fellow tried to dissuade the young Paul Risser from the ministry after he heard he was only going to make \$50 a week. "How are you going to educate your children?" the employer raved. "It may be one thing for you, but it's another thing for them. They will never get a decent education!" Brad thought about his scholarship and smiled. Now his father laughs and tells people: "So this is the indecent education my son has received!"

Brad had finished the letter with: "I am looking forward to seeing you, Mom, Mike, Terry and Tim next week! It's going to be a fun week. Thanks again, Daddy. I love you! —Brad."

Beaming parents continued to hurry past and words of congratulations were heard all around them as the Risser family stood with their son. Brad fumbled in his pocket for the heavy coin. It was still there. How amazing that four years could come rushing back to climax in one moment. As Brad stood looking into his father's face, he knew he had done it—they had done it—together. Finally, his father raised his arm to salute him, standing at full attention. And Brad pulled out the silver dollar.

Second Lieutenant Brad Risser is serving as platoon leader in the branch of Air Defense Artillery at Fort Lewis, Washington. He plans and supervises training for 25-30 cadets. Brad is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Paul Risser who are pastoring the Florence Avenue Foursquare Church in Santa Fe Springs, California.



Final Tribute to Foursquare Pioneer

A man of outstanding accomplishment, a gem in spiritual leadership, and a pioneer in the building and establishing of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, Dr. Earl W. Dorrance passed from this life to life anew with Christ on April 8, 1983.

After graduating from LIFE Bible College in March of 1926, Earl Dorrance married Edythe Guerin on June 11, 1926, and with \$40 to their name, they started immediately to work for the Lord. A tent, a Bible, a trombone, and a tremendous zeal were all they needed to start a tent revival in Burbank, California. Crowds began coming to hear a dynamic gospel preached "straight from the shoulder, right to the heart."

Soon, the inevitable happened—a building was erected and the Burbank Foursquare Church was opened on August 25, 1926—in fact, the same day as Dr. Dorrance's birthday.

Another significant pastorate was at Santa Monica, California, where the Dorrances pastored for 11 years and directed the construction of the present church.

Finally, in June of 1943 when pastoring the East Los Angeles Foursquare Church, Dr. Dorrance was asked by Dr. Giles Knight to become the Supervisor of the Southern California District. Dr. Dorrance had all the excuses—12 in fact. He simply loved the pastorate and his contact with people. And he wasn't about to give that up.

Finally, Sister Aimee Semple McPherson

called. She was calm but firm. He said he would pray. Soon she called back and boldly said, "Brother, don't be difficult!" He decided to reconsider, and thus became Supervisor of most of California and Nevada.

142 churches were opened while he served as Supervisor from 1943 until his retirement in 1968. Dr. and Mrs. Earl W. Dorrance invested their lives, and the churches multiplied many times over. To echo the words of one minister, "Dr. Dorrance never asked anyone to do anything he, himself, was not willing to do. He worked with men."

Dr. Dorrance kept the vision of worldwide missions. After the passing of Sister McPherson in 1944, Gospel Teams were sent to the four corners of the world to seek out the harvest, one of which Dr. Dorrance led.

Dr. Dorrance, along with his wife Edythe, loved camp life. How often it was that Dr. Dorrance prayed with a sick child or comforted another who was homesick. So much were the Dorrances a part of Foursquare camps that the dining room at



Camp Cedar Crest, California, was named the "Dorrance Inn," symbolizing the warmth and glow of their personalities and gracious hospitality.

Earl W. Dorrance served as a member of the Board of Directors of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel for 25 years. He was denominational representative of the Southwest Regional Board of the National Association of Evangelicals.

With love, joy, and thanksgiving, the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel is proud to make this final tribute to Dr. Earl W. Dorrance. Even today, the lives he has touched live on.

Run For His Glory!

Run For His Glory!—That is what Foursquare youth from across the nation will be proclaiming as the theme of a new youth program. The theme is inspired by the 1984 Summer Olympics to be held in Los Angeles.

After weeks of planning by key Foursquare leaders, Rev. Tim Peterson, National Director of Youth and Christian Education, announced the appointment of Rev. Terry Samples as the Chairman of *Run For His Glory!* Rev. Samples' work as Chairman will necessitate using an office in the National Youth Department at Los Angeles. However, Rev. Samples will continue to serve on the Western District staff as he has for the past five years, maintaining his residence in Modesto, California.

Run For His Glory! materials will be sent to every Foursquare church in the United States. They will be designed for the training and equipping of high school and college age youth for the adventure of touching lives for Jesus Christ. Many of the youth who qualify can become involved in an outreach team to converge on the Olympics during the latter part of July, 1984.

A committee of dynamic youth leaders will be working with Rev. Peterson and Rev. Samples to make *Run For His Glory!* a success. Their goal is to see hundreds prepared for personal ministry in their own communities through this Foursquare youth program and to have 400-500 youth carry out what they have learned at the Olympics.

Pentecostal Fellowship of North America to Gather in October

The 1983 convention of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America will meet at First Church of the Open Bible in Des Moines, Iowa, October 24-26. The theme for this year's gathering is "Pentecostals in Contemporary Times" with the biblical theme taken from I Chronicles 12:32-38.

Dr. Jack Hayford, pastor of the Van Nuys, California, Foursquare Church, "Church on the Way," will be among those addressing the convention. Others include Dr. Richard Dobbins, an Assemblies of God minister and director of Emerge Ministries, and Robert Gass. Convention registration will open at 2 p.m., Monday, October 24. Registration fees are \$20 per individual or \$30 per couple.



Building a Christian Library

The Church on the Way, by Jack W. Hayford, Chosen Books, \$9.95, available from Ye Foursquare Book Shoppe, 1100 Glendale Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90026.

Dr. Jack Hayford, pastor of the Van Nuys, California, Foursquare Church, "Church on the Way," tells what happens when a pastor becomes more interested in growing "big people" than in building a "big church."



Is it Time to Colonize in Space?

Space successes and failures periodically monopolize the news. Probes of distant planets furnish spectacular information which sometimes scuttles long-rosy scientific theories. Eventually, Voyagers may report on Neptune and Uranus. Closer to earth, the space shuttles rack up resounding successes and occasional reverses. Satellites spin into wrong orbits or get lost upon launching orumble from orbits—in some cases

landing radioactive elements on earth. But so far the pluses outnumber the minuses.

Two months ago the space shuttle Challenger rocketed into orbit and launched the world's biggest and costliest satellite from its lofty course. The at-first perfect deployment turned sour about 1:32 a.m. PST the next morning when a firing of an attached booster rocket ended between 20 and 30 seconds early, causing the satellite to tumble into an egg-shaped path varying from 13,540 to 21,950 miles above the earth instead of the intended hovering over one spot along the equator at an elevation of 22,300 miles. Officials expected to be able eventually to correct the course and station the communications satellite at the right place. NASA needs this Tracking and Data Relay Satellite desperately for future space missions, and without it, a space lab flight in September becomes virtually impossible.

The space shuttle and the satellites it launches do not command the spectacular dimensions of, say, a moon landing or probe of distant planets. But the practical value in terms of future missions eclipses the more ambitious projects. Scientists predict eventual permanent stations in space colonized by people shuttled to them from earth. Probably the future, if Jesus tarries, will witness successes in such undertakings beyond imaginations today. But will God, ask some Christians,

permit it? Will God allow mankind to colonize in space?

The Bible intimates that He may—for awhile—but there is a "thus far and no farther." Obadiah's primary message, chronologically, was to the Edomites perched on the heights above Petra. But many prophecies offer what the French call "double entendre." I believe Obadiah verse 4 may, in its stretched implications, apply to colonizing in space (remember David applied the words of Psalm 22:1 to himself centuries before Jesus appropriated them in Mark 15:34): "Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the Lord" (Ob. 4, KJV).

From earth, a space lab may look like a nest among the stars. God does not say man will not build such. He does guarantee that man cannot escape into space and so avoid his inevitable accounting to the Almighty. God, who toppled the tower of Babel, can bring down any space stations men may manage to position in the heavens. There is no place in the universe which can qualify as a satisfactory answer to the psalmist's question: "Whither shall I go from thy spirit? Or whither shall I flee from thy presence?" (Ps. 139:7, KJV). God is in charge. He can always and anytime bring creation to heel.

Dr. Cox pastors the Salem, Oregon, Foursquare Church

Viewpoint

Dr. Harold W. Jefferies



The Political "Hot Spot"

We must realize the danger of "end time" subject matter when the world pictures changes in a matter of hours. Yet, if these are the last days, existing nations set the stage.

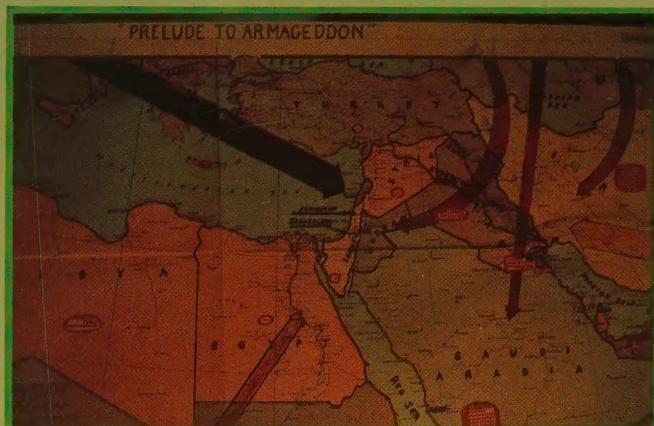
The whole scheme of things is too fully related to God and God's people to unnoticed in prophetic history. However, much is known as revealed in divine scripture so we focus on what we see. Today, the Middle East is the political "hot spot" on earth and will continue to be the consummation of this age. There are two forces at work and the goals are Rev. 16:12-16 (paraphrased) says, "unclean spirits will gather the lions of the world to the battle of that day of God Almighty into a place called Armageddon for the holocaust of

civilization." This will be the last great war the world will fight.

The nations of Europe (ten toes of Daniel's image led by Antichrist, the incarnation of Satan); the Northern Confederation of Nations (Gog and Magog); the kings of the South; the kings of the East; will all be coming to take the spoil. They know who controls the Middle East will control the world.

But, at Meggido (the Mountain of Slaughter) the armies of the earth, millions times millions in number, unknowingly, come to face that rendezvous with God. The outcome is unquestioned.

In the midst of this unimaginable holocaust, Christ returns with His Church and intervenes in human history. Otherwise,



as Christ said in a literal translation of Matthew 24:22, "All flesh would be destroyed."

In the light of this indescribable setting, the Apostle Peter asks a question of you and me: "Seeing then that all these things shall be destroyed, what kind of men ought you to be in all holy conduct and living?" (II Peter 3:11, paraphrased). You must give the answer for yourself.

Dr. Jefferies has served as Supervisor of the Northwest and Southwest Districts and now travels worldwide ministering.



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